

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Working of the Insurance Scheme for the year 1930-31.

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Letter No. 10916, dated 30th November 1931, from the Secretary, Insurance Committee, submitting the annual report on the working of the Insurance Scheme for the year 1930-31, together with the Auditor's Report.

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2. Government note that there has been continued progress in both the official and public branches, during the year under review.

3. *Official Branch.*—The number of proposals dealt with was 2,265 of which 1,556 were finally concluded with the issue of policies assuring Rs. 12,71,849 for a monthly premium of Rs. 4,306 as against 1505 policies assuring Rs. 13,71,095 for a monthly premium of Rs. 4,807-8-0. The number of proposals pending disposal at the end of the year was 150 as against 166 remaining to be dealt with at the commencement. Exclusive of interest on the monthly balances, and the investment in State Loan Bonds the total receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 9,39,682-5-4 and the balance at the credit of the fund on 30th June 1931 stood at Rs. 98,05,153-10-9. Including the State Loan Bonds held by the Insurance Office the balance at credit was Rs. 1,00,93,078-10-9. The percentage of the cost of management to the premium income of the year was 4·47 as against 4·43 in 1929-30.

The percentage of the year's total payments to the closing balance was 7·78 as against 7·00 in 1929-30 and 6·77 in 1928-29, the increase being mainly due to the expenditure of Rs. 1½ lakhs on the construction of the Insurance Office Building which was completed and occupied during the latter part of the year.

4. Government observe that at the close of the year under review there remained for settlement in the Official Branch 111 death claims, 51 claims relating to endowment policies of persons superannuated that had matured and 21 cases of payment of surrender value, i.e., in all 183 cases as against 180 in the preceding year. It is hoped that the claims pending settlement will be expeditiously dealt with. Government would be glad if, in future reports, a brief statement be given of the cases remaining to be settled so as to indicate that there is no avoidable delay in their disposal.

5. The total number of policies in force on 30th June was 27,119 with an assured bonus and monthly premium of Rs. 2,25,79,774 and Rs. 77,682-4-0, the corresponding figures for the previous year being 26,701, Rs. 2,19,44,962 and Rs. 75,880 respectively. The percentage of the balance at the credit of the Insurance Fund, after deducting unpaid claims, to the total liability was 40·07 as against 38·80 in the previous year.

6. *Public Branch.*—Three thousand and sixty-six proposals were received during the year. The total number dealt with (including those pending on 1st July 1930) was 3295. Two thousand eight hundred and five proposals assuring Rs. 28,66,300 were accepted. The number pending disposal was 198 as against 229 in the preceding year. The income during the year inclusive of interest on the monthly balances was Rs. 6,42,832-5-1 and the expenditure Rs. 1,88,474. The closing balance at the credit of the fund was Rs. 23,68,623-11-3. The number of policies in force on 30th June 1931 was 11,123, assuring a sum of Rs. 1,22,54,470 realising an annual premium of Rs. 6,61,653-6-0. The percentage of the cost of management to the premium income of the year was Rs. 12·18 as against 11·81 in the previous year. It has continued to be higher than the limit of 10 per cent advised by the Actuary. It is reported that the heavy expenditure was mainly due to increased rates of honorarium paid to helpers. Every endeavour would be made to reduce the outlay to the prescribed limit.

7. Government are glad to note that the Administration of the Insurance Office was satisfactory during the year under review.

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